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ABSTRACT

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THIS DOCUMENT: High school honor students in Irvine volunteer their services to help children with homework on cable television. Funded by a grant from the California State Department of Education, the Irvine Unified School District inaugurated this service in February, 1983. An enthusiastic response from students, parents and teachers indicates broad community acceptance of a high quality service program for students. Hundreds of cable TV subscribers in Irvine, Newport Beach and Tustin tune in Monday through Thursday afternoons both to view and to participate in the Homework Assistance Program. The "performers" are students recruited from service clubs in Irvine high schools. These volunteers diagram sentences, conjugate verbs, demonstrate long division, and complete chemistry, physics, algebra and calculus problems "on the air." Community viewers become active participants with a simple phone call to the school district. The homework service averages 50-100 calls each night. Students from the Irvine schools, other Orange County public and private schools and even universities use the service. It is apparent that this project benefits the community of Irvine and its neighbors enormously. It gives valuable homework assistance to hundreds of school children and pleasant, informative viewing to residents of all ages. This document was selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Task Force on Public Confidence as descriptive of a promising practice or exemplary project worthy of highlighting for the California educational community. (Author)

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Name of Course, Program, Project or Policy: Homework Assistance Network

Date of Operation of Program or Project: February, 1983 -

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(1) primary purpose (how it benefits students)
(2) participants (grade levels of students, professional staff, community persons, etc)
(3) evaluation data (if available)

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